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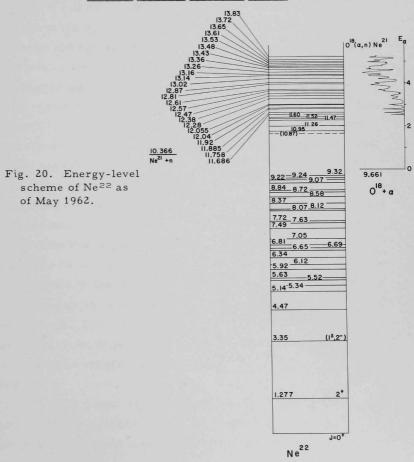
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I-21-9 Excited States of Light Nuclei

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I. EXPERIMENTAL NUCLEAR PHYSICS

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Studies of Pickup Reactions

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(d, He3) REACTIONS ON F19 AND Al27

We have measured angular distributions in the F19(d, He3)O18 and A127(d, He3)Mg28 reactions initiated by 21.6-MeV deuterons from the Argonne 60-inch cyclotron. The He3 particles were detected and distinguished from other reaction products by a pair of solid-state counters (which measured dE/dx and E) feeding into a pulse multiplier giving an output pulse proportional to MZ2. The resolution of this system was sufficiently good that the He3 particles were cleanly separated from the a particles from the (d, a) reaction. Since the energy loss in the dE counter is quite large, the fluctuations

in that loss are reflected in a degradation of the energy resolution from the E counter. Therefore the spectra were taken by adding the outputs from the two counters to obtain E_T = dE + E, in which case the energy resolution is unimpaired. Figure 1 shows an example of the spectra obtained. It is seen that He³ groups corresponding to Q values as large as -10 MeV can be detected.

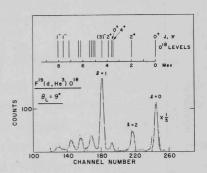


Fig. 1. Spectrum of F¹⁹(d, He³)O¹⁸ at $\theta_{L} = 9^{\circ}$.

The groups observed from the F^{19} target correspond to excitation of O^{18} to energies of 0, 1.98, 3.68, 4.45, 5.43, 6.32, 7.0, and 8.0 MeV, all of which may be understood in terms of known levels, as

illustrated in Fig. 1. From the Al27 target, five groups have been observed. These correspond to excitations in Mg28 of 0, 1.83, 2.94, 4.35, and 5.6 MeV. Spectra have been measured over an angular range from 9° to 42° in steps of $2-4^{\circ}$, and the angular distributions of the prominent peaks have been compared with Butler curves calculated for angularmomentum transfer of $\ell=0$, 1, and 2. The transition to the Ol8 ground state (J = $\frac{1}{2}^{+} \rightarrow 0^{+}$) must proceed via an $\ell=0$ pickup, and the groundstate transition to Mg28 (J = $\frac{5}{2}^{+} \rightarrow 0^{+}$) must proceed via an $\ell=2$ pickup. Figure 2 shows that the agreement in these two cases is excellent and we therefore feel justified in using the calculated curves to determine the ℓ values in the case of other levels. Three other prominent peaks from Al27, corresponding to the 2^{+} first and second excited states and to one or more of a group of states near 4.3 MeV, also proceed by $\ell=2$ pickup.

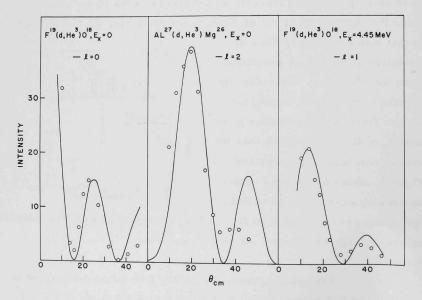


Fig. 2. Angular distributions from the indicated (d, He³) reactions. The theoretical curves are Butler curves without form factor.

The distribution of the group going to the first excited state in O^{18} also must be $\ell=2$, and does indeed give a good fit to the calculated curve. The presence of both s and d pickup illustrates the mixing of these configurations in F^{19} . The state observed at 4.45 MeV in the $O^{16}(d,p)O^{18}$ reaction has been tentatively reported to have a spin J=3. However, the angular distribution (Fig. 2) clearly conforms to $\ell=1$. This corresponds to the pickup of a p proton, leading to a spin J=0, 1, or 2, but not 3, and would indicate that the state is a single-particle hole state in the p shell. Other peaks appear to include contributions from more than one closely-spaced level and, to some extent at least, mixtures of ℓ values result.

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Molecular Beam Studies

(51210-01)

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1. OPERATION OF THE MARK I ATOMIC-BEAM MACHINE

The Mark I machine has been used extensively for investigating the radioactive nuclei In¹¹⁰ and Cr⁵¹. The In¹¹⁰ was produced in the Argonne cyclotron by the Ag¹⁰⁷(a, n)In¹¹⁰ reaction. To obtain the maximum cross section for production of the In¹¹⁰, the alpha beam was slowed to 16 MeV by aluminum foil in the target "sandwich". Because of the 66-min half-life of the indium, fast chemistry was required to separate it (with indium carrier) from the target before it could be loaded into the atomic-beam machine. Although about 20 runs were made, a definitive spin determination was not possible because of inadequate counting rate. It is hoped ultimately to use the Mark II machine for this isotope in the hope that its sevenfold increase in transmission would make the experi-

¹ A. A. Jaffe, I. J. Taylor, and P. D. Forsyth, Proc. Phys. Soc. (London) 76, 914 (1960).

ment possible.

Although the nuclear spin of 28-day Cr^{51} is known to be 7/2, no measurement has been made of its hyperfine interaction. Reasonable amounts of the Cr^{51} can be produced with the flux available at CP-5. A number of recent runs have enabled us to trace one of the double-quantum, $\Delta F = 0$ transitions up to 60 Mc/sec, where its frequency at a known field has been measured to about 1 part in 4000. Work is proceeding well and it should soon be possible to quote a good value for the hyperfine interaction and a rough value for the magnetic dipole moment.

2. PROGRESS WITH THE MARK II MACHINE

The backward-forward synchronous scaling system for use with the universal detector has been described previously. It has now been successfully used to detect beams and resonances of K³⁹, Na²³, Cs¹³³, and Cr^{52,53}. Figure 3 shows a block diagram of the arrangement. It will be seen that the 28.6-cps modulation used can be introduced either by square-wave modulation of the rf signal used to induce the resonance, or by square-wave modulation of the atomic beam itself (with a mechanical chopper). In either case, because signal-to-noise ratios of only 0.001 will be common, it has been found essential to require the square wave to be extremely pure. The positive and negative half cycles of the square wave used for modulation of the rf, for example, are of identical duration to within a few parts in 10.

Figure 4 shows resonances observed (with the universal detector) for which the signal-to-noise ratio varies from 1.5 down to 10^{-4} . In order to obtain a meaningful curve under such adverse conditions as those for the bottom panel, great stability is required in both the detector

¹ W. J. Childs, L. S. Goodman, and L. J. Kieffer, Bull. Am. Phys. Soc. <u>3</u>, 151 (1959).

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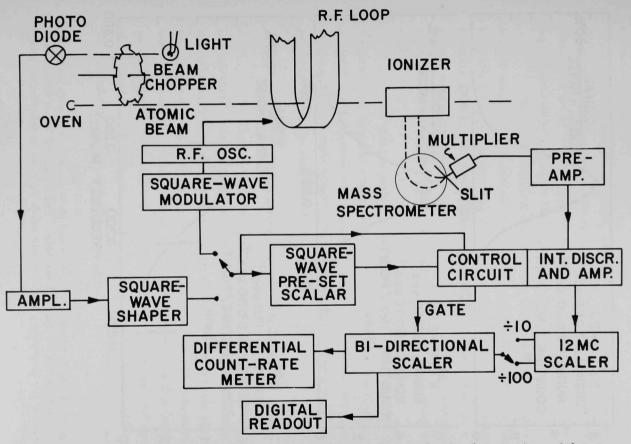


Fig. 3. Block diagram of the electronics associated with the electron-bombardment universal detector of the Mark II machine. Examples of resonances observed with this detector are shown in Fig. 4.

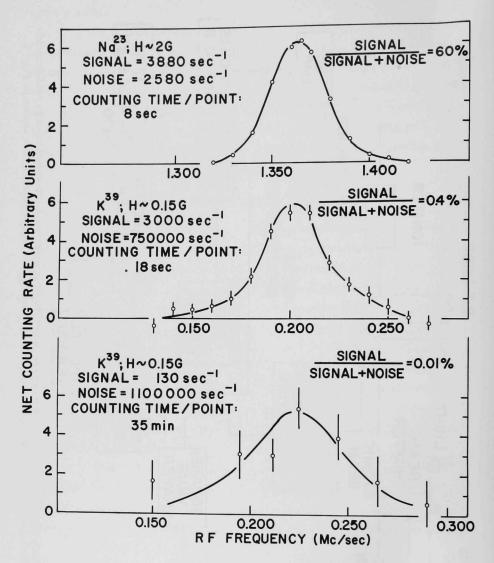


Fig. 4. Flop-in transitions in K^{39} and Na^{23} as observed with the universal detector of the Mark II machine. The signal-to-noise ratio was varied (by attenuating the rf power used) in order to test the counting circuitry.

and the atomic beam.

The maximum counting rate for ions (when evenly spaced) is 1.3×10^7 /sec. Counting losses introduced by the nonuniform spacing of pulses will not be troublesome for this application if the counting rate remains reasonably constant in time, as it should.

Several mechanical improvements have been made on the Mark II machine. The system of magnetic analysis of the ion beam has been altered in such a way that the radius of curvature of the ion orbits in the field is increased from 4 in. to 12.5 in. The principal result is a greatly increased efficiency for collecting the analyzed ions. The other changes planned for the universal detector have not yet been made, however.

The most important recent addition to the machine is the installation of a differentially-pumped oven-loading system. It is now possible to insert a new oven into the machine (or remove an old one) in less than 5 min without breaking the vacuum. This will be a very great advantage for future operation of the machine.

3. NEW RESULTS FROM THE MARK II MACHINE

Preliminary work on resonances in the even-even stable nucleus Cr^{52} indicated that it should be possible to detect resonances in the 10% abundant odd-A nucleus Cr^{53} . Although the nuclear spin and dipole moment had previously been measured, the hyperfine interaction was unknown. Since the total electronic angular momentum J is integral, only multiple-quantum $\Delta F = 0$ transitions could be observed, but both flop-in and flop-out transitions of this kind were seen. Preliminary results indicate that the hyperfine interaction is

$$|a(Cr^{53})| = 88 \pm 6 \text{ Mc/sec.}$$

This result is consistent with the work reported above for the radioactive nucleus Cr^{51} .

V. THEORETICAL PHYSICS, GENERAL

V-2-18. Properties of Light Nuclei

(51210-01)

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STRONG M1 TRANSITIONS IN LIGHT NUCLEI

The magnetic-dipole-moment operator can be split into two parts, one of which behaves like a scalar and the other like a vector in isobaric-spin space. Only the scalar part contributes to transitions between T=0 states; and Morpurgo has pointed out that since the neutron and proton spin contributions tend to cancel in the scalar part, transitions between T=0 states should be weak. On the other hand, only the vector part contributes to transitions between T=0 and T=1 states, and in this term the neutron and proton spin contributions reinforce each other. This feature should permit strong transitions, and some properties of such transitions have been investigated.

An experimental means which is especially suited to selecting strong M1 transitions is the observation of electrons inelastically scattered from nuclei at backward angles. Such experiments also permit the observation of such transitions in cases in which the other means (gamma decay of the nucleus) may be overwhelmed by instability to particle decay. Recent experiments have treated several light nuclei, including B10 whose ground state has I = 3, T = 0. In B10 one observes strong M1 transitions to levels at 7.9, 11.8, and 14 MeV. After the energy dependence has been extracted, the reduced transition probabilities

G. Morpurgo, Phys. Rev. 110, 721 (1958).

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R. D. Edge and G. A. Peterson (private communication).

B(M1;30 \rightarrow IT) of these levels are (8.8 ± 20%), (6.2 ± 50%), and (3.1 ± 50%), respectively.

Reduced transition probabilities, calculated with intermediate-coupling functions, have been obtained for transitions connecting the ground state of B^{10} to various T=1 states. The results are summarized in Table I. Comparison with experiment indicates probable identifications of the 7.9-MeV transition as the one to the second calculated (I = 2, T = 1) state, the 11.8-MeV transition as going to the lowest (I = 3, T = 1) state, and the 14-MeV transition as involving either the third (I = 2, T = 1) state or the lowest (I = 4, T = 1) state or both. One point to note is that although there are 14 states with (I = 2, T = 1) some 95% of the transition strength is concentrated in a few low levels. A similar concentration occurs for the I = 3 and I = 4 states, as indicated by the percentages listed in Table I.

Such concentration of transition strength also occurs in the 4N nuclei for which the transition occurs from the (I = 0, T = 0) ground state. Transitions in these nuclei are sensitive indicators of the degree of spin-orbit coupling, and the energy-weighted sum rule for such M1 transitions can be used to exhibit this property explicitly. Therefore in the (2s - 1d) shell, one would expect especially large transition strengths in nuclei whose structure best approximates a full $1d_{5/2}$ shell and an empty $1d_{3/2}$ shell.

D. Kurath, Bull. Am. Phys. Soc. 7, 539 (1962).

TABLE I. Reduced transition probability B(M1) for magnetic-dipole transitions from the ground state (I = 3, T = 0) of B^{10} to various excited states having T = 1. The states and their approximate excitation energies are identified on the left. Values of B(M1) are given as functions of the relative strength (a/K) of spin-orbit coupling. The percentage of total $B(M1;3 \rightarrow I)$ which is concentrated in the listed transitions is also given.

			a/K	
I	E (MeV)	3.0	4.5	6.0
2	5	0.85	0.06	0.11
2	7.5	12.98	11.66	11.00
2	12.5	2.06	2.78	2.91
		94%	95%	96%
3	10.5	4.99	6.39	7.07
3	16	0.08	0.68	1.59
		90%	92%	95%
4	12	0.40	1.03	1.63
4	16	0.06	0.03	0.02
		80%	90%	93%

V-5-2. Geometric Properties of Angular Distributions of Decay Products (51210-01)

Murray Peshkin

It was reported earlier 1-3 that, when an unstable particle is created in a reaction involving few quantum states, the angular distribution of its decay products depends upon the number of states involved in the production process. It was learned, for instance, that when the spin s of the unstable particle is larger than the number of states in the production process, the decay cannot be isotropic.

These methods have now been extended to the paritymixing decay

$$- \Lambda^0 + \pi^-$$
 (1)

following the production reaction

$$K^{-} + p \rightarrow \Xi^{-} + K^{+}$$
 (2)

Let the angular distribution of π^{-} in decay (1) be written in the form

$$I(\theta,\phi) = \sum_{L,M} a(L,M) Y_{LM}(\theta,\phi) .$$
 (3)

It is found that the asymmetry coefficients a(L, M) must obey certain relations which depend upon the spin s of the Ξ . These new relations

¹ P. Eberhard and M. L. Good, Phys. Rev. <u>120</u>, 1442 (1960).

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³ M. Peshkin, Phys. Rev. <u>123</u>, 637 (1961).

are considerably more restrictive than the relations of Lee and Yang, which are conventionally used to test the z spin. The most important new result is that the angular distribution

$$I(\theta, \phi) = 1 + A \cos \theta \tag{4}$$

with |A|>0 implies unambiguously that $s=\frac{1}{2}$. The most promising previous analysis could exclude a given value of s only if |A|>1/(6s).

A paper reporting these results in detail, entitled "Possible Determination of the Spin of the T from the Angular Distribution of Its Decay," has been submitted for publication.

V-25-2. Scattering of Alpha Particles by a Vibrational Nucleus (51210-01)

L. J. Tassie

This project has been completed and the results have been published in a report entitled "Scattering of Alpha Particles by a Vibrational Nucleus," Australian J. Phys. <u>15</u>, 135-142 (June 1962).

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PERSONNEL CHANGES IN THE ANL PHYSICS DIVISION NEW MEMBERS OF THE DIVISION

Staff Members

- Dr. Herbert H. Bolotin. Born in New York City, New York, 1930.

 Married; 2 children: Andrew, 6, and Allison, 2.

 Home address: 6928 S. Paxton Avenue, Chicago,

 Illinois. Ph.D., Indiana University, Bloomington,

 Indiana, 1955. He joined the Physics Division on

 August 17, 1962. His main areas of interest are

 neutron-capture γ rays and other problems in nuclear

 structure.
- Dr. Donald S. Gemmell. Born in Adelaide, South Australia, 1934.

 Married; one daughter, Susan, 2 years old. Home address: 39 North Adams Street, Westmont, Illinois.

 Ph.D., Australian National University, Canberra,
 Australia, 1960. Research Fellow at A.E.R.E.,
 Harwell, England, from 1960-1962. He joined the
 Physics Division on September 26, 1962 to do research with the 4-MeV Van de Graaff and the 12-MeV tandem generator.
- Dr. Victor E. Krohn. Born in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, 1924. Home address: 4725 Linscott, Downers Grove, Illinois.

 Ph.D., Case Institute of Technology, 1952. He was at ANL from 1952-1958 and returned to the Physics Division on August 28, 1962 primarily to do experiments with thermal neutrons.

Dr. Malcolm H. Macfarlane. Born in Brechin, Angus, Scotland, 1933.

Married; one daughter, Sheila 1 year old, and two sons,
Kenneth 2½ years old and Douglas 4 years old. Home
address: 7031 Golf View Road, LaGrange, Illinois.
Ph.D., University of Rochester, 1959. He was a
resident research associate in 1959-1960. He joined
the Physics Division on August 31, 1962 to continue
theoretical studies of nuclear structure and low-energy
nuclear reactions.

Resident Research Associates

- <u>Dr. Charles E. Johnson</u>, Senior Research Fellow, A.E.R.E., Harwell, England. Mössbauer effect. Came to Argonne on September 10, 1962. (Host: G. J. Perlow.)
- <u>Dr. Alvin M. Saperstein</u>, Assistant Professor, University of Buffalo.

 Composite particles in abstract field theory. Came to

 Argonne on September 18, 1962. (Host: M. Hamermesh.)

Student Aides (Co-op)

- Mr. Geoffrey Garrett, Antioch College, Working with R. O. Lane on neutron polarization and differential cross sections.
 Came to ANL on October 1, 1962.
- Mr. James L. Witte, Aquinas College, Michigan. Working with

 J. P. Schiffer on the elastic scattering of protons.

 Came to ANL on September 4, 1962.

Student Aides (ACM)

- Mr. Erlan Bliss, Lawrence College, Appleton, Wisconsin. Working with M. S. Kaminsky on mass spectrometric studies of the permeability of alkali salts through noble metals and tungsten. Came to ANL on September 4, 1962.
- Mr. William Denno, Kalamazoo College, Kalamazoo, Michigan.

 Working with S. S. Hanna on the Mössbauer effect in

 iron and its compounds. Came to ANL on September 4,

 1962.
- Mr. William E. Gelhaar, Knox College, Galesburg, Illinois. Working with S. B. Burson on checking out the angular-correlation apparatus and on an experimental study of the decay schemes of W¹⁸⁸ and Re¹⁸⁸. Came to ANL on September 4, 1962.
- Mr. Melvin Pronga, Monmouth College, Monmouth, Illinois. Working with S. S. Hanna on the use of superconducting magnets in research with the Mossbauer effect.

 Came to ANL on September 4, 1962.

Technician

Mr. James Timm joined the Van de Graaff group on October 31, 1962.

Draftsman

Mr. David Lee Kurth joined the Physics Division on October 22, 1962.

DEPARTURES

- Dr. Louis J. Basile, who joined the Physics Division in 1952 and has worked since then on plastic scintillators (Projects I-115, I-116, I-143, I-144), has transferred to the Chemistry Division where he will work on the chemistry of the actinide series. He left the Physics Division on September 4, 1962.
- Mr. Robert Feiner, Research Technician, Jr., has been at Argonne since October 11, 1961. He terminated at ANL on August 24, 1962.
- Mr. Teymoor Gedayloo, who has been a resident research associate since June 20, 1961, terminated on September 17 to return to Lawrence College, Appleton, Wisconsin.

 While at Argonne he supervised the physics students from the Associated Colleges of the Midwest and collaborated with S. B. Burson on the beta decay of W¹⁸⁸ and on a computer program for the analysis of complex continuous beta-ray spectra. (Projects I-36 and I-38).

- Mr. Manley S. Keeler, Research Technician, Jr., has been at
 Argonne since May 5, 1961. He terminated at ANL
 on September 10, 1962.
- Mr. Richard W. Snyder, draftsman, has been at Argonne since
 October 2, 1961. He terminated at ANL on September 4,
 1962.
- Dr. Richard K. Spitzer, resident research associate from Purdue

 University, has been at Argonne since September 28,

 1961. He has worked on spin and statistics with an
 indefinite metric (Project V-39), especially on the
 superselection rules for spin-½ bosons. He terminated at ANL on September 14, 1962 to return to
 Purdue University.

